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Applicant: Yoshinori KUMASAKA et al.

Invention: ELASTICALLY STRETCHABLE
DISPOSABLE PANTS

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Michael S. Gzybowski**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 23, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.